

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2007

Members Present: Castell, Hughes, Groppa, Macdonald

Staff Present: Keating

1, ARB #16-2007

Applicant not present. No action taken.

2, Proposal to clarify and amend #ARB-2006

Darien Library, 1441 Boston Post Road, MU Zone.

Peter Gisoldi and Ching Wu, architects, John Ryan, construction manager, and Louise Berry, Library Director

The architects provided the ARB, as requested, a rendering of the elevations with no trees and dark glass for daylight effect, and a rendering with no trees and lit windows, in order to better review the choice of contrasting bricks and mortar. Also a sample board was provided at the construction site, but it was still wet when visited. The library has rows of accent bricks, recessed 8 inches, in darker brick color (Cushwa Shenandoah Redland 115) and darker mortar. The preferred mortar color for the recessed brick was 125. For the lighter brick on the main field (Glengery 53DD), mortar 111 was preferred. We will reconfirm the mortar colors this week after the mortar dries. Once the mortar had dried, the ARB approved the preferred brick and mortar combination discussed at the August hearing.

3. ARB #17-2007

Darien Professional Building, 106 Noroton Avenue, OB Zone.

Jacek Bigosinski, architect.

Mr. Bigosinski brought a larger sample of the Dryvit in Amarillo white, which is to be used for the precast columns. The Board approved the color.

4. ARB #19-2007

Slavko Enterprises, LLC, 85 Old King's Highway North, OB Zone

Nick DeLuca and Chris Alexander, owners

The request for a larger sign on the building, which will then need a variance, was previously submitted in writing. The Board preferred the middle size, 18 inches high, in cast aluminum. No other signs are proposed. The 2 stone walls at the entrance will have a street number. The owners need to come back with a lighting plan, but they indicated a preference for lighting from the top.

5. ARB #20-2007

Shell Service Station (previously Citgo), 180 Noroton Avenue, SB Zone.

Mark Smith, To Design, and George McCluskey, Standard Petroleum.

The applicant proposes to change the existing pole sign, building façade, and canopy to reflect Shell colors. The existing canopy fascia will remain and be changed to Shell colors, yellow, red and white, and will not be illuminated. The band around the building fascia will change to Shell grey and yellow. The Board asked that the yellow band end where the office window begins, so that the band above the entire width of the office window will be grey. Approved with modification.

6. ARB #21-2007

Whole Foods Market, 150-152 Ledge Road, SB Zone

Wilder Gleason, attorney, Dave Fall, architect, Steve Kuchner and Mark Mobly, Whole Foods

The proposal to raze the existing Howard Johnson's restaurant and motel and replace it with a new Whole Foods Market building has been modified since it was last approved by the ARB. There are now 330 parking spaces, versus 334 in the original application, allowing the spaces to be broken up with islands and no more than 23 parking spaces in a row. There will be cart storage and 64 outdoor spaces. A raised berm will be created to screen cars from the street walkway, eliminating a double sidewalk. They are saving the trees on the corner. The changes were approved.

7. ARB #22-2007

Dolcetti (space formerly occupied by Haig Jewelers), 979 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone.

Dan Dolcetti, owner, Neil Hauck, architect

Because of the 14 foot excavation for the Books Brothers building next door, the existing extension to the Dolcetti building needs to be modified in order to insure its safe tie-in to the Brooks Brothers building. The existing extension will be razed and a new extension will be built which extends another 13 feet in the rear. This will allow a rear lobby for Dolly's Cleaning, with a mechanical room with access from the outside. There will be a continuous decorative roof railing in front and back. The brick will be white-washed in front and in back. The applicant will come back for awning approval. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Groppa